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Utah Centenarians Honored

Mrs. Bee R. Fisher, 108, is the oldest person planning to attend Wednesday's 16th Centenarians Day. Mrs. Fisher, a Clearfield resident, is also the state's second oldest citizen.

Gov. Mike Leavitt and First Lady Jacalyn S. Leavitt will honor Utah's 100 and older at the Governor's mansion from 9 to 11:30 a.m. At least 29 of the state's known 118 centenarians are planning to attend.

Mrs. Fisher and her compatriots were born prior to the invention of cars, indoor plumbing or electricity. Most can remember wagon trains, yet today they fly in airplanes and watched the first man land on the moon. They have some incredible stories to tell.

The oldest man planning to attend is Mr. Ebrahim Sakhai, 102, who lives in Salt Lake City. He was born in Persia, moved to the United States 20 years ago and became an American citizen at the age of 97.

Utah's oldest known resident is Mrs. Cleo Cranney Hinckley, 111, of Salt Lake City. The oldest man is Mr. Darrall M. Carter, 104, of Lehi. Neither plans to attend.

Centenarians and their families will gather at the Governor's Mansion at 9 a.m. They plan to listen to a violin concert, have brunch, watch some Irish step dancers and visit with the Governor and First Lady.

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